

Holotype male (California Academy of Sciences) from Zapote de Upala (vic. Bijagua), Alajuela Prov., Costa Rica, 7 July, 1973 (R. Ortiz).

This species is very distinctive by the large eyes, pubescent pronotum and spined tibiae.



BOOK REVIEW

Beetles and how they live, by D. H. Patent and P. C. Schroeder. 1978. Holiday House Inc., 18 E 53rd St., New York, NY 10022. Hardbound, 159p., \$7.95.

Patent and Schroeder have written an interesting account on beetles, and how they live, for the junior high school and high school audience. The general morphology, flight, and reproduction of these insects is covered with a minimum of technical terms but without diagrams. There are excellent chapters on beetle foods and feeding, water and deserts for homes, and habits of dung beetles. One of the features of this volume is the description of successful examples of biological control involving beetles. The term itself (biological control) is neither used in the text nor listed in the index. About 20 black and white photographs are included throughout the text (in two instances the captions are misleading or incorrect). For the student who has been "turned on" by beetles and how they live, a final chapter provides very helpful information on observing and collecting beetles. Additional listings after the last chapter provides names and addresses of supply houses (for entomology equipment), and suggested reading including both books and magazine articles. Coleopterists should be interested in recommending this volume to their local high school and municipal libraries.

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